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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE ASAP TO PRIME
MINISTER RABIN FROM PRESIDENT FORD. SIGNED ORIGINAL
BEING POUCHED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

AS I TAKE LEAVE OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY APPRECI-
TION FOR THE CLOSE COOPERATION WHICH HAS PREVAILED BETWEEN
OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND BETWEEN US PERSONALLY IN PURSUIT
OF OUR SHARED OBJECTIVES OVER THESE PAST THIRTY MONTHS.

FOREMOST AMONG THESE HAVE BEEN THE ENHANCEMENT OF EFFORTS
TO BRING ABOUT A FINAL PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE
MAINTENANCE AND STRENGTHENING OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY. I
TAKE PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED
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STATES AND ISRAEL ARE CLOSER TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE AND
THAT ISRAEL'S SECURITY HAS NEVER BEEN SO WELL ASSURED.
CERTAINLY OUR LONG PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN A SOURCE
OF SATISFACTION TO ME AS WE WORKED TOGETHER OVER THESE
MANY MONTHS IN THE SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST AND LASTING SECURITY FOR ISRAEL.
I BELIEVE THAT BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS CAN TAKE SATISFACTION

IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SINAI II ACCORD AS A TURNING
POINT IN ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
THE CHANCES TODAY ARE BETTER THAN EVER THAT GREATER
PROGRESS CAN BE MADE TOWARDS OUR SHARED GOAL OF A
PERMANENT PEACE IN THE AREA. GIVEN THE SPECIAL NATURE OF
THE TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES, I AM
CONFIDENT THAT OUR TWO NATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE
AND FIND SUCCESS IN JOINT EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS GOAL A
REALITY. ALTHOUGH TAKING LEAVE OF MY OFFICE, YOU CAN BE
SURE THAT MY INTEREST IN ISRAEL, ITS SECURITY AND WELL-
BEING AND IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A PERMANENT FRAMEWORK OF
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN UNDIMINISHED.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR VERY GRACIOUS LETTER OF JANUARY
16. I AM DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN
IT. THEY REINFORCE MY SATISFACTION IN LEAVING, CONFIDENT
THAT THE WARM TIES BETWEEN US WILL ENDURE. I APPRECIATE
AS WELL YOUR KIND INVITATION TO VISIT ISRAEL. BOTH
BETTY AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO
ACCEPT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

IN CLOSING, MAY I SAY THAT I HOPE THAT YOU AND MRS. RABIN
WILL ENJOY SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL YOUR FUTURE
ENDEAVORS. MRS. FORD AND I HAVE ENJOYED OUR MANY YEARS
OF FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU AND WE JOIN TOGETHER IN SENDING
WARM BEST WISHES FOR YOU ALWAYS.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD

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